

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, beginning at line 21, as follows:

Figure 2 illustrates an exemplary server 102 in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. The server 102 includes a communications interface 202, a CPU 204, and memory 208. The memory 208 includes an operating system 210, server applications 212 for facilitating server functions, data object files 214 for storing various data objects available to clients connected to the network 101, a digest generator 216 for generating digest values for each data object in the data object files 214, a digest index ~~216~~ 218 for storing a list of previously generated digest values, and a communications transport and protocol 220 for facilitating communications with the network 101. In an exemplary embodiment, the digest index ~~216~~ 218 comprises a hash table, a tree structure, or other suitable data structure. In one embodiment (not shown), the server 102 does not include a digest index, and therefore calculates each digest value as needed.